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Graduation is May 15, are you prepared?

By **WENDY LEE** / NEWS REPORTER

With joy, relief and perhaps a twinge of nervousness, between 850 and 900 graduates will walk across Milam Field to accept their diplomas on the morning of May 15.

However, with planning for any large event, it is inevitable that something will be forgotten.

The most-asked question is have you applied to graduate?

Even people not wishing to go through the ceremony must apply to graduate. If a person planned to attend but realized he or she couldn't make it, he or she should fill out an absentia

form in Administration 108.

Graduate Records and diplomas can be picked up in the registrar's office immediately after the ceremony, unless the graduate already filled out the form in the registrar's office stating where he or she wishes the diploma to be sent.

If anyone needs special assistance during the ceremony due to a disability, please contact the dean of students at 774-3024 by May 12.

A letter with instructions and a schedule has been sent to all graduates and are also available at the registrars office. It includes six colored tickets in case of rain.

If it rains, the ceremony will be held in Rankin Williams field house in four separate exercises. Due to limited space, each graduate is guaranteed only six guests. Additional guests will be admitted until all available seats are filled. If necessary, an announcement will be made by 8 a.m. on a local radio station.

If all goes well, an informal coffee will be held in the Student Union from 9 -10:30 for all graduates, parents, and friends.

All graduates should be at Milam Stadium by 10:30 and should line up with their degree group.

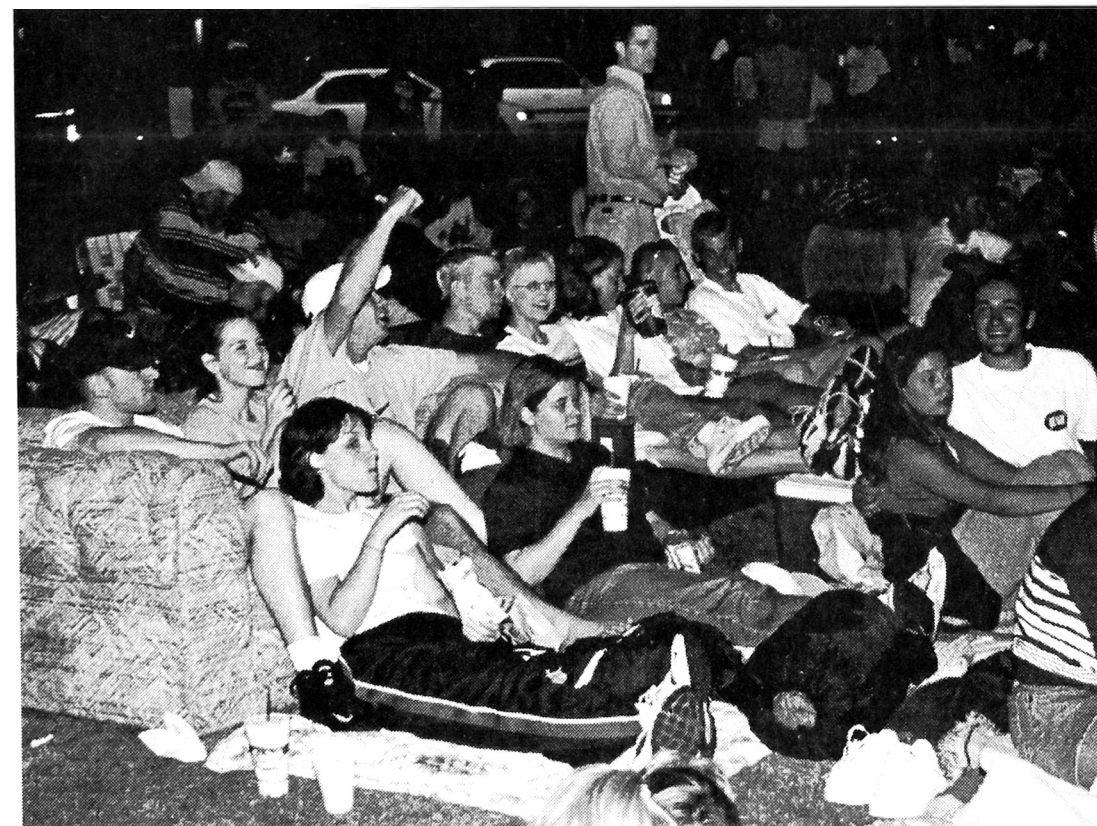
CDWarehouse chief to speak at graduation

Jerry W. Grizzle, chief executive officer of CD Warehouse, Inc. will be commencement speaker at the Southwestern graduation ceremony Saturday, May 15.

Grizzle enjoys the unique distinction of serving as chairman, president and chief executive officer of a public company along with his duties as Brigadier General and Deputy State Area Commander in the Oklahoma Army National Guard.

The Oklahoma City native is a graduate of Southwestern.

In event of rain, Grizzle will not speak.



Last week's Student Government Association showing of "Varsity Blues" brought hundreds of Southwestern students to the Student Union lawn for the yet-to-be released on video MTV movie production.

PHOTO BY PATRICIA COOK

In my opinion

In light of the numerous school shootings occurring within the last few years, I am appalled by the frantic and irrational need to blame someone or something regardless of the justification- or lack of it. Psychologists, experts of every kind, the media and even the president are grasping at straws to find the one thing that is responsible.

The explanation that the children committing the crimes have been tormented and rejected by their peers is ridiculous. Sure, they may have been treated badly or unfairly, but so have millions of other children since the beginning of time. If this theory were true, then every child that has been rejected and cast out of the social circle would have gone on a killing spree. Something more has to exist within the minds and hearts of the murdering children. Or more accurately, maybe something is missing.

President Clinton is trying to blame it all on the lack of government regulated gun control and is implicating the National Rifle Association for fighting to preserve the constitutional right to bear arms. This theory is also completely irrational. I am a firm believer in the adage that "Guns don't kill people. People kill people."

Guns have been around for a long time. In fact, there was a time when it was unheard of for a household not to have at least one gun. They were used for protection and for hunting - the children didn't take them to school and kill all their classmates. And you can be sure kids were just as tormented then as they are now.

I grew up in a home with rifles, shotguns and even a pistol. I never had the urge to kill anyone. I was taught about the dangers of guns and about the responsibility that must accompany their use. My parents also instilled in me the morals, values and conscience that prevent me from wanting to murder everyone that causes me pain.

Don't get me wrong, I don't think the quality of parenting, alone, is responsible for deadly behavior by children. Many people come from dysfunctional homes and never kill anyone. In fact, I don't believe there is one single factor that creates a murderous mind. I do know, however, that today's children are all exposed to the same music, the same movies, the same TV shows and the same laws. If the environment caused people to kill, everyone would be doing it.

-Jan Garza

by Mark Parisi

off the mark



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My Real World

by Steven McLemore

I guess I should say something

This is it. My last column.

And following with recent *Southwestern* tradition, as outgoing editor-in-chief, I suppose I should start writing a 500 word good bye letter thanking every person who has ever meant much to me in my four years at this school.

I guess I should be sad. But, I'm not.

I guess I should thank my future wife. Unfortunately, Jenny McCarthy has yet to give me an answer.

I guess I should write about how much I am going to miss Weatherford and all of my friends here. But, I am not going anywhere. I am staying in Weatherford.

I guess I should write about how much I am going to miss all of my times in school and how hopeless I am going to be without homework and papers. But that would be lying, and I don't like to lie. I am happy I am graduating. I, just like many hundreds of others, am relieved that graduation is near. I've been real, real near to a nervous breakdown the last few weeks.

I guess I should write about all the problems on this campus and gripe and moan about who needs to be fired. But, I am above that. I know better than to burn my bridges on page three of my last issue of *The Southwestern*.

I'll do that on pages 6 and 7.

I guess I should poke a little fun at another state newspaper. It seems one of their sportswriters is a little consumed by *Southwestern* sports, because he seems to write about us every week. (Well, I assume it was us. We are "that other school" in Weatherford, right?) The writer in question has mentioned how our football team went 0-10 this year after a foolish decision to leave the NAIA. Also, how their football team actually beat us four years ago 30-7. Then it was mentioned that, the next year, we happened to beat one of their best teams in school history.

I could say something like "Oh, yes, didn't we beat your team twice in a nine day period that year?" But I will not say anything like that. It isn't right to pick on junior colleges.

I guess I could continue by saying that the last four years have been a blast, and I have loved almost every minute of them, and that I want to thank all of you for actually reading this. I was never given a chance to write "My Real World" until this year, for thoughts that the campus didn't want to read anything the way I wrote it.

Thinking about it, that is what I want to say.

Thank you *Southwestern* for reading. Have a great summer, and I will see you at Homecoming.

Blame shifting must stop

A stage for change has been set for America in Littleton, Colo., as Columbine High School is marked as a result of violence. All over the news, we've seen the blame shifted from the media to Columbine officials, to television and music, and now the spotlight attempts to land upon parents of the teenage assassins.

This is clearly a wake up call for America. In all of the confusion some wonder how our nation will cope. Others wonder what measures are necessary for change. Many feel a lack of concern as desensitization sets in causing loss of interest in this crisis as it quickly becomes "yesterday's news."

Clearly, something must be done, but who's job is it? Are we even affected in Oklahoma by what's gone on in Colorado?

We've seen many leaders (via the media) represent our nation with the attitude that education reform, gun control and television/music regulation are the answers to the arising issues in society. But again, are these not just other assumptions their part? These things seem to be side issues, the products of deeper rooted problems.

Violence is occurring at record highs considering the age group involved. The youth of today are tomorrow's future. How will *their* children be able to rise above the world views of the parents who raised them and the society that encourages their actions, unless something is done to change the fabric of our nation's values system?

Rumored in Yukon was that several high school groups



Deeper Thoughts

by Amanda Madden

wore black trench coats and "Trench Coat Mafia" T-shirts to school the week after the killings. This is not a game! If things don't change and standards are not set, the fabric of society may become so violent and sexually perverse that we eventually destroy ourselves.

Yes, we are affected in Oklahoma; and although not all in the same ways, as members of a collective society, we are not too far removed in this national crisis for such incidents to happen right here in Weatherford, America.

However, despite popular opinion, blame shifting must stop if each individual is actually going to make a lasting difference in these present times of violence and chaos.

It is when tragedy of Columbine's kind strikes that fingers are pointed in all directions. I'd say the fault is widely spread. However, in order for true change to occur, we must look inwardly and look to God.

We have a challenge: to look at what we have been molded by. If these things aren't good, we should see about changing them before they're passed on to our children and others close to us.

Likewise, an example always speaks louder than words.

May brings excitement for all

Now that May has finally arrived, college students around the country are preparing for one of the most important events of their lives. Most of us have been looking forward to this time since we can remember. During the past year, though, the anticipation of this

long awaited event has almost been too much to bear.

In a few short weeks, all the lessons and values learned while growing up will culminate in one of the most important chapters of our lives yet.

Thankfully, the wait is almost over. In a few short weeks, all the lessons and values learned while growing up will culminate in one of the most important chapters of our lives yet.

On May 19, "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace" hits the big screen.

Oh yeah, college graduation is sometime this month too.

What amazes me is that we've made it this far without the wisdom and guidance of Yoda. Let's face it; when he tells Luke that "size matters not," I think we all learned something. One can only imagine the many

News to Me

by Ryan Barber



more truths soon to be revealed by this three foot tall jedi master.

I remember seeing "Return of the Jedi" for the first time when I was seven. After I walked out of that theater, I realized I had found my life's calling. I knew that I wanted to be either a space smuggler or a jedi.

Lightsabers and starships proved difficult to find, though, so I decided to postpone these careers.

For those who believe that "The Phantom Menace" won't eventually break the box office records set by "Titanic." I have to partially agree with you. The records set by "Titanic" won't be broken eventually; they will be broken on opening weekend.

Of course, the success of the Star Wars movies can't be based entirely on how much money they bring in. You can never underestimate advice like: "When nine hundred years old you reach, look as good you will not."

Word of Mouth

by Patricia Cook



Finals week brings no time, money or cleanliness

Well, it is that time again. You can truly smell the stress in the air. Everyone is in a state of frenzy trying to salvage what grades they can by cramming all we can into these last few weeks of school. Because of this factor of necessity, other things seem to suffer, at least with me.

When your brain is on overload there are some things that simply have to give, at least until this painful time is over. It is simply something you have to accept.

For these last couple of weeks you are going to be exhausted, you are going to have no money, and things like laundry and cleaning your house are just going to have to wait. At least with me, laundry always seems to be one

of the first priorities to go. I think for many college students it is.

There is just something about the smell of clean laundry. It awakens your senses and gives you a fantastic feeling of renewal. For a split second you feel yourself floating away on a Downy cloud. This feeling is especially wonderful to a college student, since we don't get to experience it as often as we like. College is the only time in your life that laundry becomes your lowest priority.

When you are caught in the perilous cycle of parties and term papers there are three categories of clothing. These categories are clean, dirty, and funky. Dirty clothes can be worn again, but if they are funky, they are walking themselves to the laundromat. You never hear of professionals in the world putting their shirts through the sniff test before putting them on. That would be an unforgiveable lapse in character.

To the college student, though, this is a simple matter of survival. This survival must last until we receive the first opportunity to go home. To us, going home means food, maybe gas money, and time to do laundry. And usually, by then most of our clothes have reached the funky stage, so we just have to follow them on home.

■ From the Mailbox

Reader challenges scientific theories

What is science? How is a theory proven to be more than simply theory, but fact? Science is by definition, an observable and repeatable experiment or occurrence. This means then, that anything that cannot be observed and repeated in the scientific realm, is not fact and is not science.

Cosmology, or the study of the origins of the universe and life as we know it, therefore, is not science. The Big Bang, Evolution, and Creationism are all simply theories from a scientific perspective.

All of them take an immense amount of faith to believe, because, although we can search for evidence, we cannot observe or repeat any of them, placing them on a totally different level.

Why, then, are the hypothesized beginnings of our universe, solar system, and ultimately ourselves through chemical and biological evolution if you will, taught as undeniable fact?

The proposed explosive beginnings of life as we know it, and our descent from nothing more than hydrogen and helium is by no means proven fact, and has been, in fact, totally unsupported by experiments and an overwhelming lack of data.

Surely I'm not alone in my thinking. How many of us have sat through our science classes and heard inconsistencies such as these. When discussing black holes, the teacher stresses, repeatedly, that we aren't sure of the existence of black holes because they are, by definition, invisible to our eyes, and there are other theories that are plausible.

However, when the origins of the universe are covered, only one theory is presented, and it is presented as fact.

Another classic would be the teacher pointing out that once a scientific theory or hypothesis is unsupported by experiment or discovery, it fades from the scientific "rulebook" and we look for another answer to replace it.

How many facets of the theory of evolution remain entirely unsupported, questionably supported, or unproven by experiment? The answer is many. If fact, the answer is all. Does that mean that our scientists and professor search for another explanation? No. They continue to beat a dead horse, so to speak.

Alternate theories are not taught, alternate theories are not even mentioned except to dismiss them offhand. We, as students, and as human beings, need to start using the critical thinking skills that we are told so much about in our classes. Find the inconsistencies, and question them. It is the part of growing up that we all, teachers and students alike, seem to be missing.

-Carillion Creed

Southwestern student impacted by Littleton, Colorado

I am a person-an individual-with a conscience, a soul, and a free will. I say this because with free will comes responsibility-a responsibility that we as a society have increasingly allowed ourselves to shed. We no longer seem to believe that for every action, a consequence follows. We search for someone or something else to blame, and we find it.

We blame the environment in which we are raised, the media, music, movies, games, and literature-anything but ourselves-for the course of action that we choose to take as individuals. Our mantra has become, "This is not my fault!" We have tried, perhaps inadvertently, to eradicate the concept of free will, to make humans no more than puppets in the hands of circumstance, and we are succeeding.

For the past few years, we have watched in horror as yet another student goes on a rampage, gun in hand, massacring anyone in his path. Littleton is only the latest in that string of incidents. It seems that in the aftermath everyone looks for someone or something to blame.

For example, in various news reports I have heard a large number of references to Doom, heavy metal music, *Reservoir Dogs*, *The Matrix* and the internet as possible sources of blame for the actions of the two young men involved. Has anyone thought to blame the two young men who repeatedly pulled the trigger while their classmates pleaded for their lives? Those two boys made a conscious choice to go to school and kill their classmates. They planned their actions carefully and well in advance.

They made their choices of their own free will. In placing the blame for the massacre anywhere but at the feet of the two boys involved, we pave the way for future assailants to blame anyone but themselves-to not take responsibility for what they have done.

If we as a society cease to make people take responsibility for their own actions, then we become anarchic. If we as parents do not teach our children to face the consequences of their choices and to value human life, then we have failed them. If we as adults do not take the first step and take responsibility for our own choices, then we have failed ourselves.

If we allow ourselves to become no more than the product of our environment, then we become less than individuals. We become instead no more than a puppet in the hands of circumstance. If we allow that to happen, we have failed each other. Free will cannot exist if we fail to take responsibility for it.

-Melissa Knabe

What's right and what's wrong

by Steven McLemore
Outgoing Editor-in-Chief

I have been here for almost four years. And in those four years I have seen a lot go on on this campus, some of which I agreed with, some of which I did not agree with. Most of the time I kept my mouth shut, knowing that on a campus like this, freedom of speech is not always appreciated. For example, how many of you cursed people like Edgardo George, Dennis Pellerin or Amanda Rivers when they wrote their opinions into the paper over something that bothered them. Some of you were ready like vultures to gouge their eyes out. I, on the other hand, want to salute people like those three. They made this paper better every week.

So, I graduate in ten days and I need not fear what I say in this. None of it is libelous, I just think that there are some things on this campus that need to be praised and others that need to be changed. So, here we go.

Right

Dean of Students Darin Behara and Housing Director Marvin Schoenecke

Being a peacemaker on this campus cannot be easy. Being in a position which calls for authority out of a nice person cannot be easy. Being a strict boss over people who sometimes drag their feet in getting things done cannot be easy.

Welcome to Southwestern, Darin Behara and Marvin Schoenecke.

I want to salute Southwestern for their decisions for bringing these two men to our campus. Both are professionals and are just what the campus needed.

I remember the week Behara walked onto campus. Things were getting done. For the first time in a while, students talked about how easy their dean of students was to talk to. All they had to do was go to him and things got accomplished.

And in Marvin's first year on campus he was not given much to start with. Hired on short notice and overpacked dorms, Marvin came in and straightened it all out. Yes, he faced some criticism along the way, but that just proved his worthiness to this university.

If anyone important reads this, you need to make sure that both of these men are given raises for all their hard work.

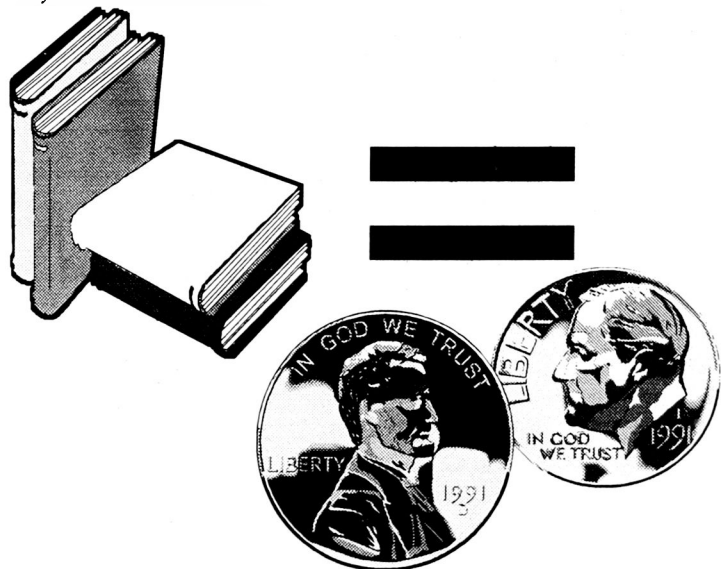
Wrong

Book Buyback

What else can I say about it? Students buy books for large amounts of money, use them and sell them back for a very small percentage of what they bought them for. Then, the businesses in question turn around and sell the books again at full price.

Shame on you. Cheating college students. That's unforgivable. It makes me so mad. That's almost as bad as the book you paid \$75 for brand new and is not being used again. But, we'll give you two dollars for it.

I won't spend much time on this. Just remember when you sell your books back and someone tells you to have a nice day, don't smile back.



Right

The Good people

One of the best attributes this campus can brag on is it's good people. Over four years I have met many of them and I am going to appreciate everything that they have taught me and the rest of this campus.

People like Roberta Williams, a cashier in the cafeteria. Her smile and joy are enough to cheer up anybody on this campus. I haven't lived on campus in a year and a half, but I still remember everyday she has a smile and a greeting for every student who comes through the doors.

People like Nelson Perkins. He understands college students and treats us like we're adults. While he treats us like adults, he expects us to act like adults. Most of the teachers I have experienced through the newspaper talk to us like we're babies who don't have problems, life outside of class or responsibilities. Nelson excels in understanding us and this university is lucky to have him.

Wrong

The Southwestern Athletic Dept.

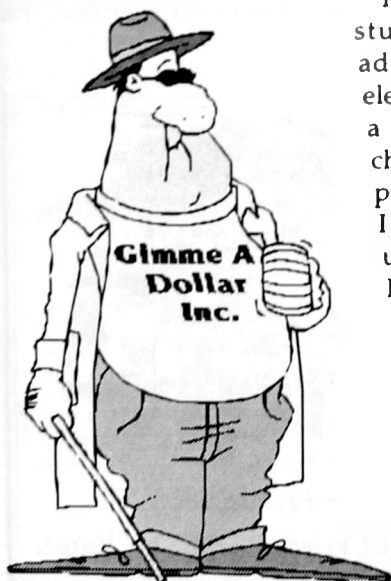
Don't think this is a gripe session, because it's not. I have noticed a few things that I don't think are right and I am going to speak them. And it isn't aimed at any one person, either.

I remember when the walls of the University gym used to read "Southwestern Oklahoma State Bulldogs." Now it reads Dobson Cellular.

I remember when the athletic achievements of Southwestern students over the last forty years were hanging in the rafters of they gym. Now, the only thing hanging there is a piece of metal with a banks name on it.

I think it is great our students, not our administration, have won eleven national titles. If I were a part of those championships, I would be proud to know that a banner I helped to win is now folded up sitting in a storage closet. I'm glad we have our priorities straight.

I'm sure the NCAA logos on the basketball court were very expensive and we needed to do something to pay for them, but I didn't know selling out was ever an option.



Wrong

School Spirit

This one is pointed at the student body. Some of you go to the football games.

A lot of you go to basketball games to show off you newest clothes, that's not necesarrily wrong.

Ten of you go to baseball games.

Most of you don't even know we have soccer, softball, golf or cross country. We kind of have rugby. Well, we don't if you ask the administration.

Anyway, my point is... why are you here? Sure, you're here for an education. What about the rest of the time? No time for the games? No time to watch your classmates and friends go play? You have got to get involved while in college. Go and have some fun.

One hugely big misnomer on this campus is that the athletic teams must be successful for spirit. That's not the case. Anyone can have spirit, regardless of their teams actual success. People still route for the Dallas Cowboys and Oklahoma Sooners, don't they? Those are two perfect examples that the team doesn't need to win to have fans.

So, next year when we have more sporting events (including men's soccer), are you going to go and yell? I hope so. No one wants to work hard and have no one see it.

I'm typing this on a Sunday afternoon and I would be really bummed if no one would read it. It would feel a bit useless. The same is with athletics, they work hard and give up a lot for a game. Let's give them a little respect.

Right

Southwestern Student Government

Finally a group of students on this campus who care. This group, every year, is the group that makes things happen at Southwestern. Just last week, the group spent over \$1,000 to bring in "Varsity Blues." The success was huge. Hundreds of Southwestern students brought chairs, blankets, sleeping bags, trucks and couches to the Student Union lawn and watched the flick.

Few Southwestern students realize how much work this club actually does. This group is our voice to the administration and state. Every year they fight to gain better treatment for our students and rights for us. From bills like academic appeals to excused absences, this club has taken a beating by the administration and faculty senate; yet kept on going.

With a dedicated group like this, Southwestern will continue to be a campus that is always trying to become more student-oriented.

And hopefully, all of you can say that *The Southwestern* has been one of the good things on this campus. We sure did try our best. Thanks for reading!

SW leads state in blood donations

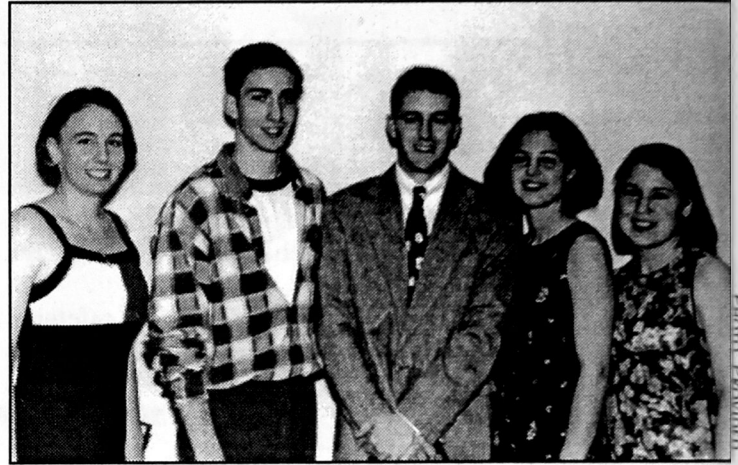
By ALEJANDRO VARGAS / NEWS REPORTER

The final blood drive of the year, a joint effort between the Student Government Association and the Oklahoma Blood Institute, netted 133 units, according to drive chairman Eva Sims.

Sims said 148 students donated blood. In addition to the units, students donated eight units of platelets — required for leukemia patients — and seven red blood cell units.

Sims said that in the five blood drives this year students donated 725 units.

Southwestern is the leader in giving blood from all the universities in the state, including OU and OSU, according to Michelle Stinson of the Oklahoma Blood Institute.



Six Southwestern students have been named outstanding senators for the year by the Student Government Association. They are Sarah Seybold, Weatherford; Adam Carr, Newcastle; Chip Diffendaffer, Rocky; Eva Sims, Enid; and Melissa Gilbert, Cordell. Not pictured is Lisa Barnes of Weatherford. They were honored at the SGA end-of-the year banquet.

Dr. Sam Lackey leaves after three decades

By BRITTNEY LITSCH / NEWS REPORTER

Twenty-nine years at Southwestern has left assistant professor Dr. Sam Lackey with fond memories of faculty and students. He will be retiring this year from the language arts department.

Lackey will take several memories and experiences with him when he leaves Southwestern. Most of these experiences will come from the 14 years he spent editing language arts publications, including Chapbook, Channel One and the Oklahoma English Journal.

"I remember the hundreds of students and dozen-or-so faculty and local citizens who were published during the fourteen years," Lackey said.

Lackey came to Southwestern and taught English and philosophy classes. However, Lackey will also be remembered for his computer and technological advancements at Southwestern. He cooperated with 3M, which later became Imation, to develop partnership projects for his writing for business and industry classes.

Lackey also helped to develop division-wide streamlined formats and compliance procedures for the ISO 9000 project.

Lackey believes deeply in the need for Southwestern students to work with cutting edge technological devices. He remembers when computer training became available to western Oklahoma communities.

"I remember the relief on the faces of hundreds of students and members of the western Oklahoma communities when they found out they could get state-of-the-art computer training on-the-job, at home, or in our labs," Lackey said.

Not many people can sum up 29 years of teaching experiences as eloquently as did Dr. Sam Lackey when he wrote the following:

"I believe that the overriding characteristic of the present age is unrelenting acceleration—change driven by the speed of light. The world has dropped into our back yard! 'Speed is life,' as the fighter pilots say.

"Clearly, technology drives this acceleration. Southwestern has marvelous human resources for its students and the western Oklahoma communities it serves. The question is, 'Will we have the speed?' Will we provide the systems, or just the pieces, the hub, or just some of the spokes?

"I have seen us gain the lead; I believe it is critical that we keep it."



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Don't stress out during finals week

Finals begin Thursday and along with finals comes stress. Most students spend more time worrying about tests than studying for them. Finals are just part of college but are dreaded by thousands every semester.

Here are a number of tips for taking finals. The first tip is listen to instructions. It is a vital part of test taking. Another tip is be confident in your ability to do well. Negative remarks only make the stress worse.

Eat well before the test and get plenty of rest the night before the test.

Read each question carefully and keep track of time. Spending too much time on one question may not allow time for other questions.

The next tip is answer the easy questions first and skip over the more difficult questions. You can go back. If time is available, review your answers.

The last and most important piece of advice is study!

Take Notice

Area residents interested in taking classes during the upcoming summer and fall semesters at Southwestern are welcome to enroll now.

Southwestern registrar Bob Klaassen said the enrollment office is open 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. The enrollment office is located in Administration 108. The telephone number is 774-3777.

On the Sayre campus, registrar Kim Seymour said her office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The enrollment office is located in Alexander 127. The telephone number is 928-5533.

Summer classes start on June 2, while fall classes begin August 25.

Thirteen faculty members honored

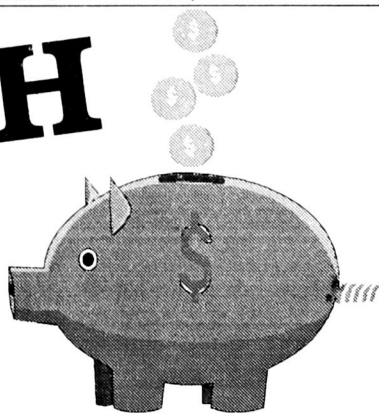
Five Southwestern faculty members received promotions, and eight faculty members earned tenure as the result of recommendations at the April meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

Promoted from associate professor to professor was Dr. Helen Maxson in the language arts department. Four faculty members were promoted to associate professors, including Dr. Gary Bell in technology, Dr. Viki Craig in language arts, Dr. Cynthia Foust in nursing and Dr. Ronna Vanderslice in the school services program in the School of Education.

Receiving tenure were Bob Dorlac, art; Dr. Sylvia Esjornson, chemistry; Foust; Dr. Valerie Reimers and Joyce Stoffers, both in language arts; Dr. James South and Dr. Alan Spurgeon, both in music and Vanderslice.

The recommendations, which were made at the meeting held in Durant, are effective beginning July 1, which starts the 1999-2000 academic year.

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The debate on tanning safety heats up

By KEISHA GRUBB/NEWS REPORTER

Since shorts season is finally here most people like to achieve that deep, dark tan, while others debate the safety precautions of tanning and ask the inevitable question, "Is tanning safe?"

According to Sharon and Randall Ward, owners of Red's and Tan and Tone America, there is no such thing as a safe tan.

"We promote smart tanning. It's important to tan smart, so people don't overexpose their skin," Randall said.

Sharon said the Journal of American Medical Association states tanning, as opposed to not tanning, is not safe.

I enjoy tanning at the tanning booths because I get darker a lot faster than being out in the sun.'

-freshman Tosha Ezell

"However, we say tanning is safer indoors because there's more control over the amount of time a person is exposed to the sun and indoor tanning doesn't have the weather effects of limiting people to sun exposure," Sharon said.

She mentioned the only real danger in tanning is overexposure. Simple exposure is not dangerous, since it's not realistic to expect people to avoid sunshine altogether. Most people

are going to tan anyway.

For best results, a person should develop a good base tan by tanning three to four times a week in a 20 minute bed. Then, they should slow down to about twice a week using a high pressure VHR tan to overcome any "plateaus."

"We usually start tanners at eight minutes, then progress slowly, depending on the skin type of the person," she said.

She mentioned the busiest times to tan are between the months of February and July.

"We try to promote year round tanning because it alleviates the winter blues," she said.

According to Randall, 20 minute beds have a wattage of 100 watts per bulb, which in essence has a total wattage of 2,800 watts. The VHR beds, or "Sun Capsules," have 160 watts per bulb for a total wattage of 7,040. The time limit is usually 10 to 12 minutes. Sharon said the ratio of UVA to UVB is controlled by the bulb wattage.

"UVB is more dangerous because it's stronger than UVA, in which it penetrates the deepest into your skin while UVA promotes the production of melanin," Sharon said.

According to their guidelines, the tanning process is a natural process by which the skin cells recognize the potential damaging effects of exposure to UVA and UVB radiation, and they respond by increasing the production of melanin. Then the melanin rises to the surface of the skin and oxidizes, turning brown, thus protecting the skin from a damaging sunburn. A sunburn does not turn into a tan because it's damage to your skin.

Industry studies show that 81 percent of indoor tanners are less likely to sunburn.

In order to avoid the mishaps of controlling time limits of tanners, Red's assigns one person to be in charge of setting tanners' timers.

"We try to be cautious and alert of every tanner walking in and out," Sharon said.

She also said larger salons don't pay attention to who's in what beds and how long they've been in there.

"It's more confusing in larger salons for more than one person to be in charge of tanning for all of those beds," she said.

The guidelines also stated seven positive aspects of tanning, which includes forming vitamin D, stimulating metabolism, increasing oxygen uptake by the blood, efficiency of respiration, performance of muscles, resistance to infection, and improving, often curing certain skin diseases.

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Parking tickets will get more expensive

By MINDI BOND / NEWS REPORTER

Changes in parking and campus safety are being made by the administration, and students need to pay attention.

In the fall of 1999, parking violation fines will rise to \$10 on the first offense, according to Don Groth, director of public safety.

Previously, parking fines have been \$4, with second offenses costing \$6 and third offenses jumping to \$8. These fines automatically double if failure to comply occurs.

Don Groth said the problem has arisen from non compliance in the past from certain violators.

"I'd rather not write any tickets, but it's the only way. The deterrent was not enough to overcome violation," Groth said. "We've had numerous occasions of students saying, 'It's worth the four dollar fine so I won't be late to class.' We can't avoid fining them. It's generated by students telling us 'These tickets aren't enough to worry about.'"

Moving violations, such as speeding and improperly crossing lanes, will remain a \$10 fine.

The handicap parking violation will remain \$25 the first time and \$50 the second time. This fine was generated by the student senate passing the resolution last year.

"Our rules and regulations are enforced as well as the city and state laws. Southwestern is a state university and the campus police are state certified police officers," Groth said.

"If a person knows the rules that the state enforces, which any legal driver should be aware of, then he or she knows what the campus police will be enforcing as well."

In a related parking matter, Groth wants students to realize that parking permits never expire. If a student holds onto the first parking permit, which is issued free of charge, he or she will never have to buy one. They are good now, and five years from now. So don't throw it away. Keep it for next year.

"If it tears, you don't have to go buy a new one. Just bring it into the public safety office and we will re-issue one without charge," Groth said.

In order to get a new parking pass a student must first go to the business office. The charge is \$1, and the business office will give him or her a receipt. The receipt is what the public

safety office needs in order to issue a new decal. The student will receive the same number he previously had.

The final words from the public safety office are words of precaution. Groth warns students to keep an eye on all of their belongings.

"We need people to be aware that book thefts are more of a common occurrence at this time of the year. Don't lay your books down and leave them unattended. People will steal them and sell them back to the school. If you don't already have your name in your books, put your name in them," Groth said.

"However, books aren't the only belongings you need to be securing. This time of the year is the most prominent time for theft of personal belongings. Just figure up how much a closet alone is worth, or 100 CD's in a case, or a pair of tennis shoes," Groth said.

All of this information is important to be aware of, but not to fear. Groth assures students and faculty they are in good hands as long as they use wisdom.

"All in all we have a very low crime rate. We attempt to make students and staff aware that crime happens and we can't prevent it if they don't take the proper precautions. Southwestern has good people," Groth said.

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Students making big plans for the summer

By RENEE CARR/ NEWS REPORTER

Summer is just around the corner. Hot days in the sun are what everyone is looking forward to. Many students are experiencing spring fever and are counting the days until school is out. While some students will enjoy their days with water skiing, camping and road trips, other students are continuing to work, go to school or both.

One student is heading south, way south.

"Equidor is my home, and I plan on returning as soon as possible. I miss being in my country with my family and friends that I left behind. I have been at Southwestern for two years and I am excited to go home to visit," said computer science major Daniel Guerrero.

Camp set for high school upperclassmen

Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford is offering a three-week summer academy for high school juniors and seniors interested in learning more about careers as science or math teachers.

The Academy for Future Math and Science Teachers will be held June 7-25 on the Southwestern campus in Weatherford. AFMAST is not a residential academy, so participants will commute to campus daily. Upon completion of the academy, participants will receive a \$750 stipend.

Dr. Richard Bryant said AFMAST will provide an overview of the teaching profession and introduce students to the rewards and challenges of a teaching career. Students will engage in numerous activities, including teaching hands-on science and math lessons to younger students using the latest teaching strategies and curricula.

The academy is limited to 24 students. Applications will be accepted until all slots are filled.

Another student's plans include a trip to the sin capital of the world.

"I am going to Las Vegas, Nev., for a week with friends from my home town, Midwest City. We will be leaving at the end of May. I will be visiting many shows and trying to win lots of money at the casinos. I am hoping to see Whitney Houston in concert. When I return from my fantastic trip I will be working at Hudiburg Chevrolet for the remainder of the summer," said music major David Scott.

Meanwhile, Suzy Shearer, a finance major from Mustang is traveling a different direction.

"My best friend lives in Wisconsin so I am taking a trip to visit her. I will be staying in a resort on the peninsula for a week. I am really excited because it has been seven months since I have seen her. I have spring fever and can't wait until summer gets here," Shearer said.

Relaxation is in the minds of many students. After a year of papers and tests, playing sports or just laying around sounds tempting.

"Playing golf in the hot sun on my days off or spending my time skiing on the lake is what I am looking forward to doing this summer," said Derrick Thoma, a computer science major from Chickasha.



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TLC FanMail



After five years, T-Boz, Left Eye and Chili are back again with a new hit CD, FanMail.

FanMail is not your ordinary girl-power CD. It's about dealing with one's own identity and figuring out that you don't have to be what other

people think you should be. Two songs on the CD make this point clear. In "I'm Good At Being Bad," the song starts out as a love ballad, then it goes into a hip-hop beat saying, "I epitomize the word sexy," and "You can't handle me."

On another song, "Unpretty," the girls sing about plastic surgery and changing for someone else, but it shouldn't matter because it is what is on the inside that counts. This is shown by the lyrics when they sing "If you can't look inside you and find out who am I to be in the position to make me feel so unpretty."

This CD also has attitude. The song "No Scrubs," which has been on the Billboard Top 10 for over four weeks, will

make you want to dance even if you don't have rhythm. This song is about getting someone who is good for you — not a bum who doesn't have a car so he has to "hang out the passenger's side of his best friend's ride" or who "still lives at home with his mama."

The third song on the CD is "Silly Ho." If you didn't start dancing to "No Scrubs", turn it to this one. The attitude in this one will at least make you start moving your head. Opposite of "No Scrubs," it talks about "if you really want to find someone to ease your mind, I'm the one for you."

Along with attitude, FanMail also has songs for the more relaxed. "I Miss You So Much" is a slower, more peaceful ballad. Another song, number 13, is "Dear Lie." Both of these songs talk about what went wrong in relationships. Unlike "I Miss You So Much," "Dear Lie" is not about a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship. It is about a lie a person wants to "get out of my mouth, get out of my head." This song could easily be the group's theme song if it had more attitude.

TLC has had ups and downs in the past five years since the release of its last album, CrazySexyCool. Public knowledge of a bad break-up, dealing with an inherited disease and the birth of a son are some experiences they have gone through. Since dealing with all of this, the group has put this CD together to help people understand themselves better through music. This is an excellent CD to listen to no matter what kind of mood you are in.

-Megan Nelson

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THE SOUTHWESTERN *Year in Pictures*



When Weatherford and the Southwestern campus were receiving nice weather, students could be found everywhere on campus enjoying it. In early February's warm temperatures, Audra Freeburn, Karen Sweeney, Alyson McCarty and Thomas Mapel were all found out on the Student Union deck enjoying the weather.

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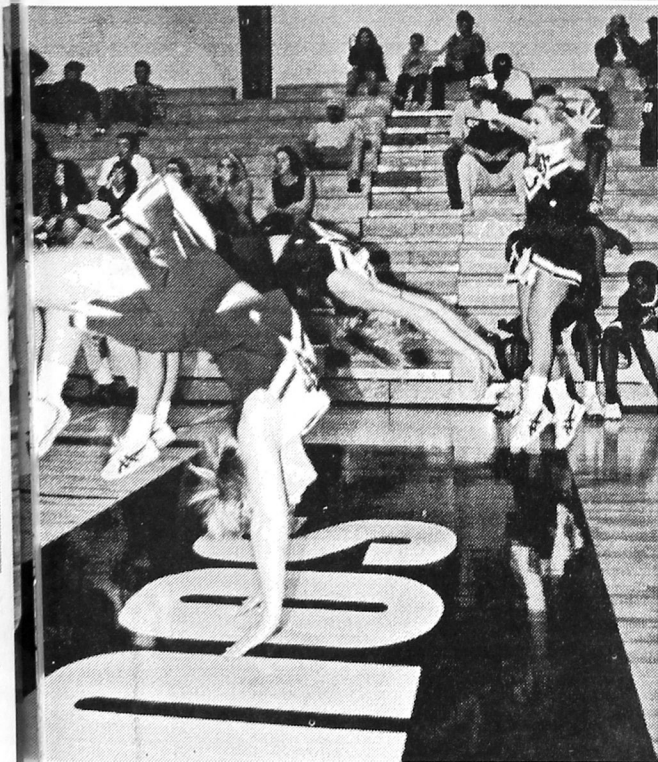
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The Southwestern Theatre had a very successful year with four total shows. Steve Strickler directed "Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will?" and "The Crucible," while Scott Crew directed "Wings" and "Morning's at Seven." Seen above are four of the girls from "Morning's at Seven" having a little fun. No, they're not Charlie's Angels. They're just in training.

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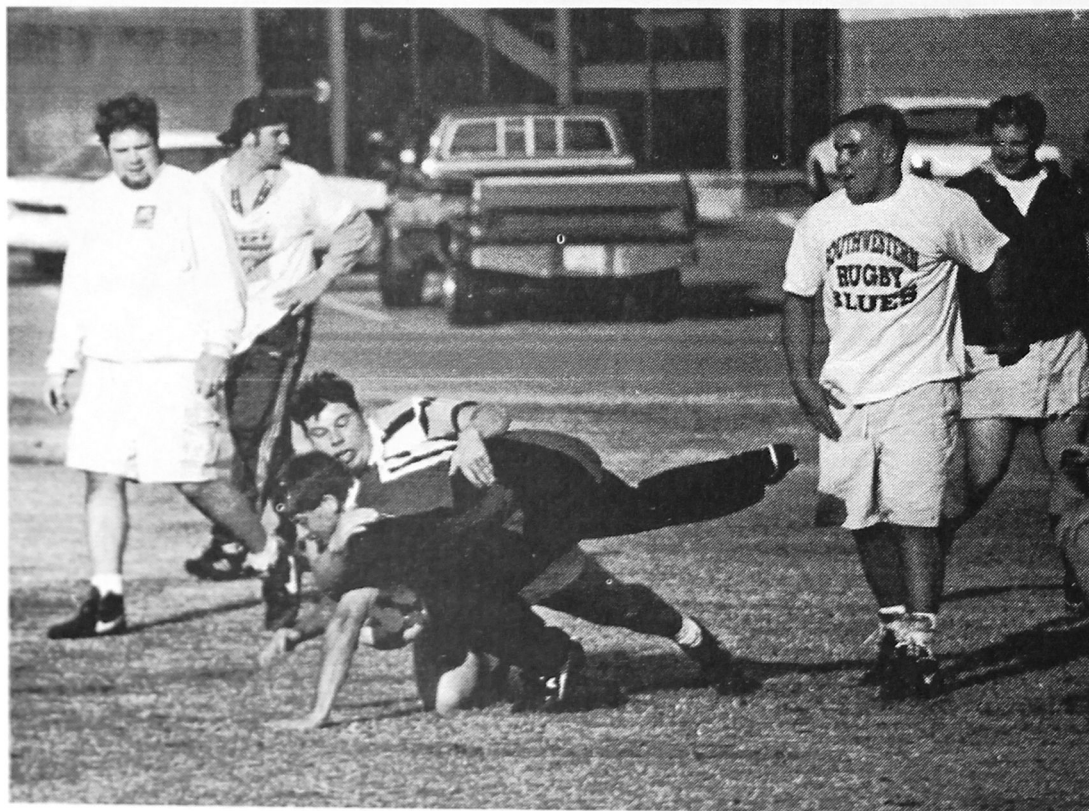
Southwestern cheerleaders were at every home football and basketball game this year supporting the athletic teams. Christin Young and Mika Benway are seen flipping at the Southeastern games.





This was the first year for Southwestern to field a women's soccer team. Here, the team is shown with a lawn ornament 'borrowed' from head coach Scott Hume's backyard, decorated for the first-ever soccer game on the campus. The school will start a men's team next year.

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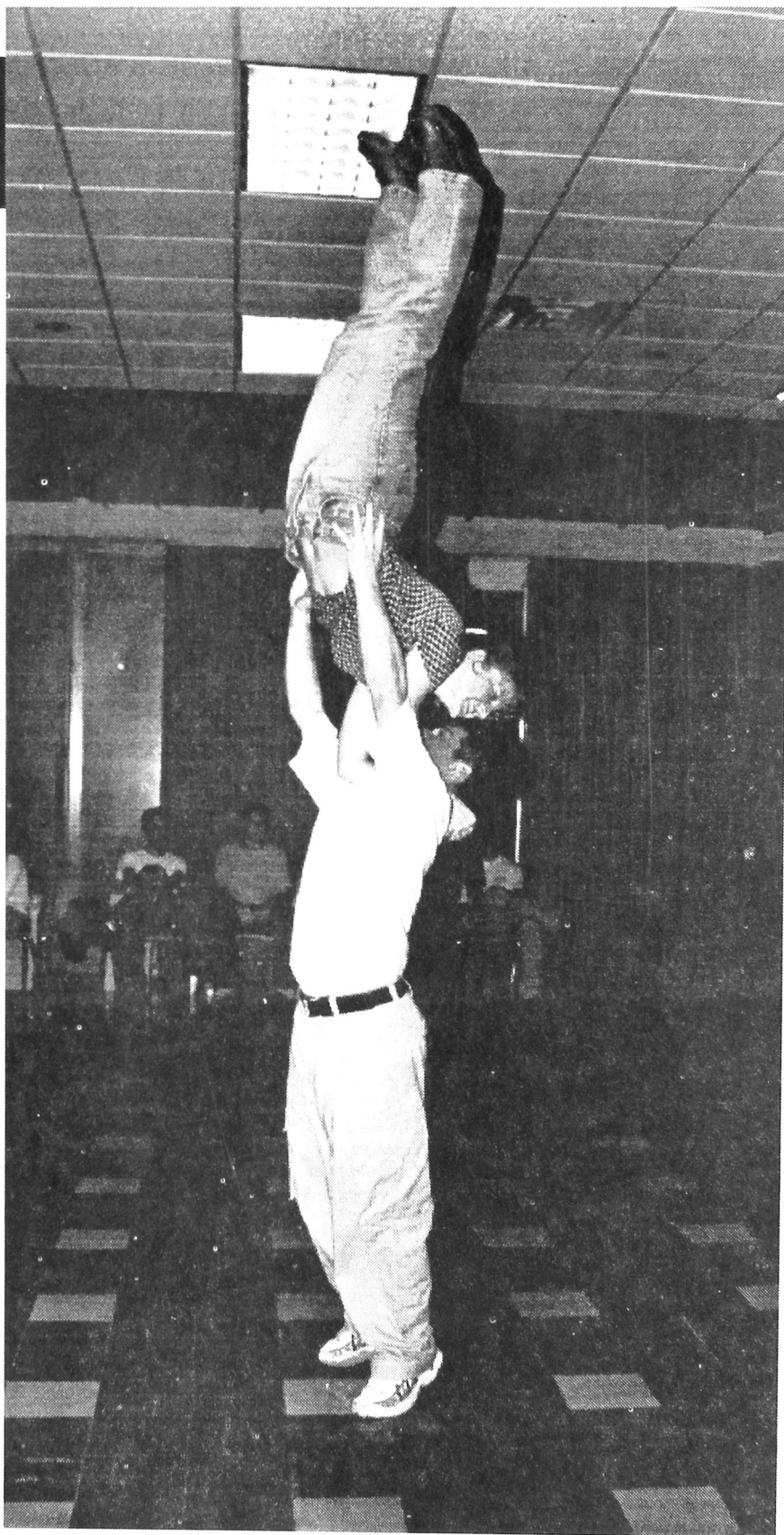


A group of Southwestern men started the first-ever Southwestern Blues rugby club in the fall. Despite no backing from the school, the club saw many men and women from Southwestern join the athletic teams. At a practice in early spring, Bryan Tener tackles Mike McKinney as Jason Ballou, Matt Spreiesterbach, Jason Morris and Lance Abramson look on.

PHOTO BY PATRICIA COOK

a year of firsts

The Southwestern Student Government Association sponsored the first-ever swing dance on campus and received great response from the student body. Students jumped, jived and wailed for over three hours in the ballroom. Two of those were Mandi Maxwell and Billy Bailey, both freshman. *PHOTO BY STEVEN McLEMORE*





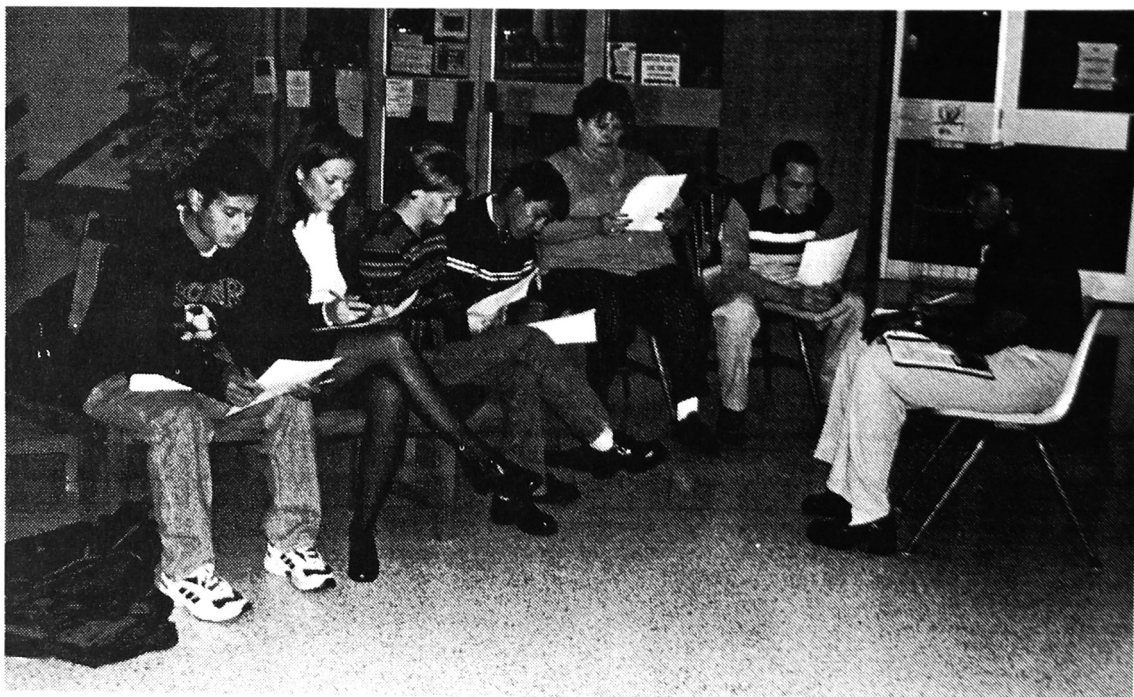
Southwestern finally completed the homecoming court this year when Steven McLemore and Danielle Felts were named as Homecoming King and Queen. McLemore, a senior from Rush Springs, and Felts, a senior from Weatherford, Texas, were announced as the winners at the homecoming assembly.

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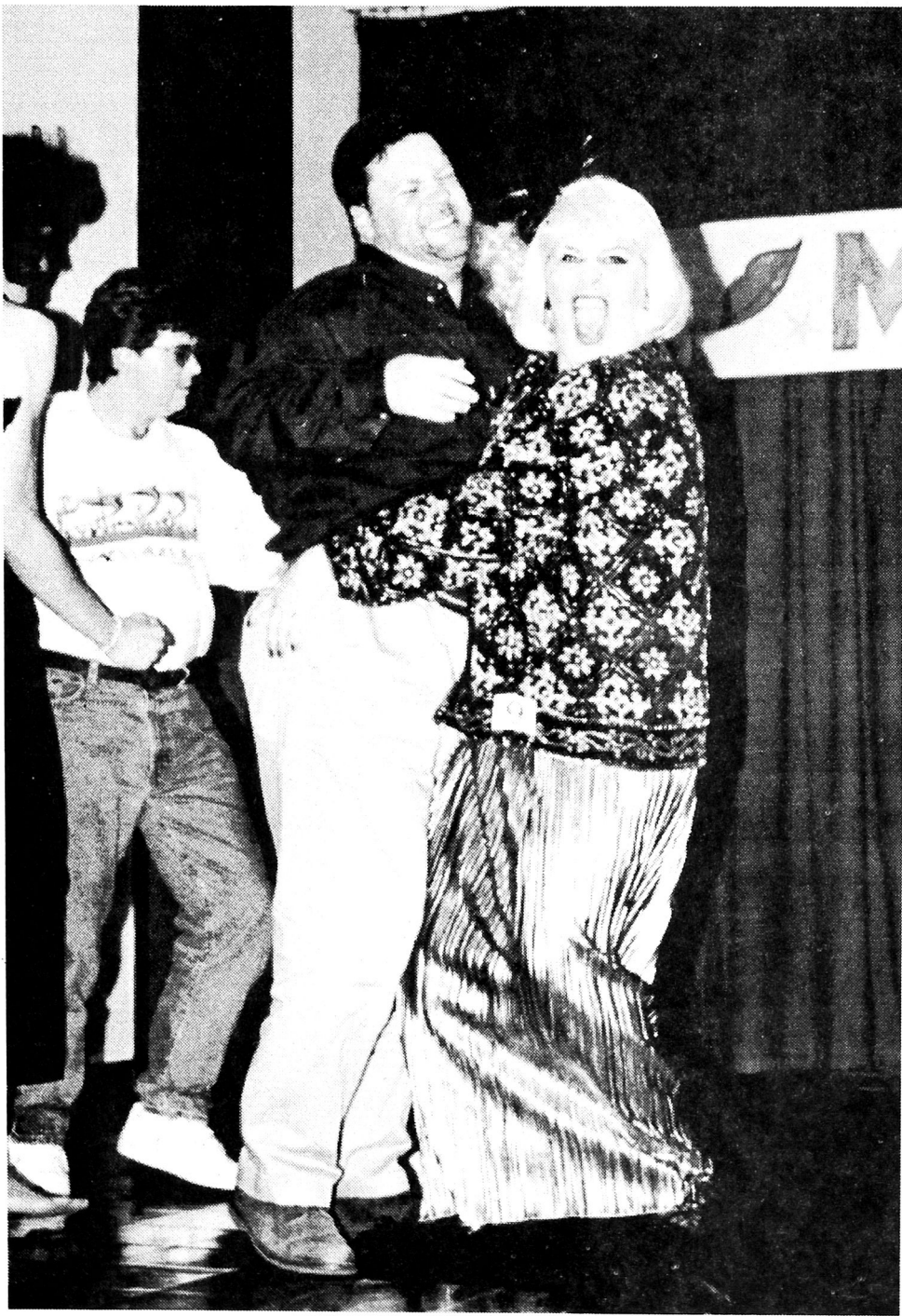
An election for Homecoming King was not the only history-making event in Homecoming this year.

Bonnie Blakley, fifth from left, made local and state news when she made the finals. Blakley, mother of three, was the first non-traditional student to ever make the finals. Other finalists included Omar Rosales, Felts, Mika Benway, Porfirio Ramirez, Blakley and McLemore. Homecoming coordinator Kay Robinson explains final rules.

PHOTO BY CHERYL WAGNER



Southwestern royalty



Chantry Banks, a freshman from Hammon, shows his excitement during the fourth annual Mr. Dimes in April. Banks brought pageant judge and language arts instructor Scott Crew on stage for a dance, and Crew got more than he had bargained for. Banks went on to win the pageant. Sponsored by University Media Association, the Mr. Dimes pageant raised over \$1,000 for the area March of Dimes.

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Southwestern sports



Southwestern welcomed new coach Charles Teasley this year after long-time coach Larry Geurkink retired. In Teasley's first year in charge, the team faced a rebuilding year and many injuries throughout the season. Isaac Williams, a senior from Edmond, tries to beat the throw back to first in home action against Southern Nazarene. The 'Dawgs won the game 1-0.

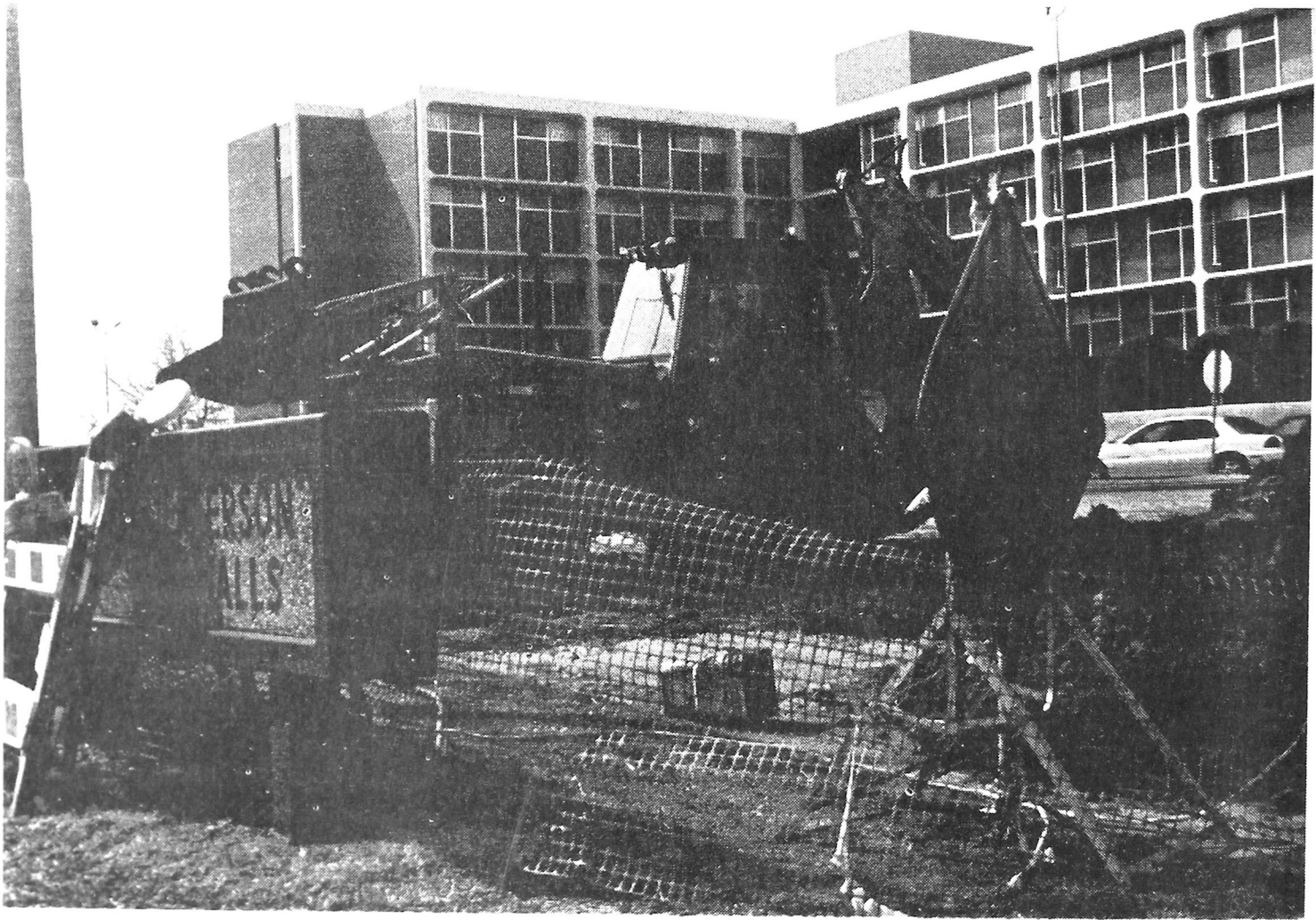
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It was a hard year for the Southwestern football team as the reigning Lone Star Conference North Division champs were unable to win one game in their ten attempts. Since leaving the NAIA as national champions, the 'Dawgs have had one season of 5-5 and this years of 0-10. Above, senior Jarrod Tippens is seen after a tackle during the Southeastern game.

PHOTO BY STEVEN McLEMORE

one last look...



For many Southwestern students this will be the last look they get at the Davis Road construction project. The project has been going on for years and was just recently resumed. Construction and relocating lines has disrupted campus traffic, campus phone lines and the lives of many pedestrians. After years of hassle and planning, many Southwestern students wonder what the point of this construction actually was. The plan is to widen Davis Road into four lanes.

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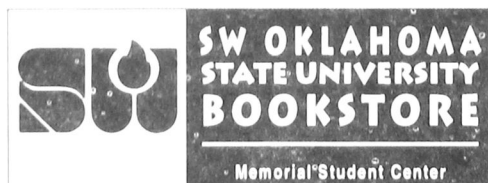
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Intramural softball champions crowned

By PAUL SINGLETON / NEWS REPORTER

After a three-and-a-half-week intramural softball season, two champions were crowned last Thursday at Rader Park.

There were two titles handed out last week, one in the co-ed softball bracket and another in men's softball.

In the co-ed tournament, "Dawg Style" was crowned champion. On the men's side of the bracket, "Shakee Puddin" won the championship.

The softball championship games were supposed to be finished last Wednesday, but due to weather conditions last week the games were canceled Wednesday, and because of bad field conditions the games had to be finished on Thursday.

In the co-ed game "Dawg Style" defeated "Ghost Riders" by the score of 18-10. In the men's championship game, "Shakee Puddin" defeated "Deal's" 15-10 in a defensive battle.

Players from the winning teams won intramural softball champion T-shirts.

Baseball coach to host camp

Southwestern baseball coach Charles Teasley announced his baseball camps this summer. The camps will be June 7-10 for ages 6-11 and June 14-17 for ages 12-17 at Williams Field.

Teasley, who has spent 27 years coaching baseball, coached six state championship teams and three state runner-up teams while coaching at Weatherford High School. He is currently finishing his first year at Southwestern.

Instructors at this year's camp include Brent Antwine, Southwestern assistant baseball coach. Antwine is a former all-state shortstop and hitting instructor.

Todd Gaunt, Weatherford High School Baseball Coach, will work with pitchers. Gaunt hails as the former pitching coach of Clay Bruner, who is currently playing for the Triple A Toledo Mudhens.

Tommy Parker, who is the assistant coach at Weatherford High School, will coach and work with kids. Craig Teasley will coach catchers.

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Southwestern's football team sweats through spring drills. The team's last day of practice was last Saturday, as the Bulldogs had their blue and white scrimmage at the Weatherford High School football field.

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Women's rodeo team sweeps weekend competition

By LACEY CULLY/NEWS REPORTER

Don Mitchell is once again proud of the men and women on his rodeo team.

"We had a good season, especially the women, and we've been fortunate to have minimal injuries," Mitchell said.

The team traveled to Ft. Hays, Kan. April 23-25, and the women swept away the weekend's championship.

Mary Ann Barrow won the all-around after splitting second/third in the breakaway roping and placing second in the goat tying. Sonya Shields won fourth in the average of the barrel racing and Jera Harris won fourth in the short-go.

The men's team did not have as much of luck as the women's team, but they still had some successful cowboy competitors. Davey Shields won second in the average of the bareback riding competition, and Clark Dees was right behind him in third place.

Robert Perez split third/fourth in the calf roping.

Mike Visniski won fourth in the long-go, but was bucked off when he came back in the short-go.

In team roping, Jeff Miller, along with partner Troy

Gaston of Kansas State University, won the long-go. Dar Perez and Joel VanNewkirk won third in the long-go, fourth in the short-go and fourth in the average.

The team ended its season in Altus this weekend. Results were not available at press time. Going into the rodeo, the women's team leads the region, owning an 856.7 point lead over second place, Colby Community College.

The team is guaranteed a position at the College National Finals Rodeo. Sonya Shields is first in barrel racing and MaryAnn Barrow leads the goat tying for the region. They are sitting closely in first and second position for the All-Around title.

The men's team is 154.8 points behind first place Panhandle State. They are not likely to move out of second position, but, if successful, could catch Panhandle State at the Altus rodeo.

Clark Dees and Davey Shields are splitting second/third in the region's bareback riding. Daniel Adams is sitting third in steer wrestling. Shane Drury and Corey Navarre are in first and second, respectively, in bull riding.

"My number one goal is to win the national title again, and lead the team to win another championship," Navarre said.

Dennis Foyil is behind Drury and Navarre in fourth place. Foyil is also placing fourth in the All-Around standings.

Jeremy Hennigh is defending last year's region title in the calf roping, and he is currently leading this category.

"I had an opportunity to clinch the region title (at Ft. Hays) but didn't quite accomplish it, so it will depend upon the results of Altus," Hennigh said. "My chances for going to the finals kind of also depend on the last rodeo's results."

Mitchell is looking forward to the team's trip to College National Finals Rodeo.

"I hope to get there healthy, physically and academically, and make a run at the championship buckle," Mitchell said.

The College National Finals Rodeo will be June 13-19 in Casper, Wyo. It is the 50th Anniversary of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.



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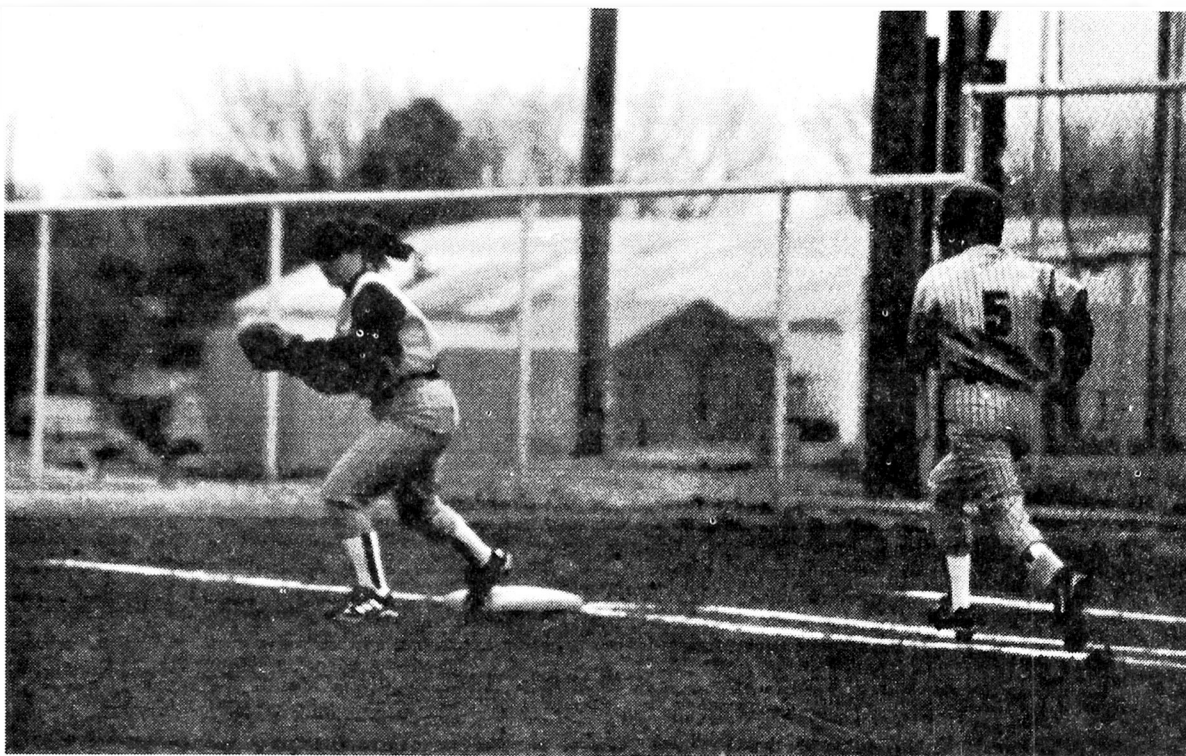
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Charlotte Pfeil, junior first baseman from Moore, gets an out in a home game earlier this season. Pfeil ranked seventh in the conference in batting average. By season's end she was batting .410, and she was ninth in the conference with a slugging percentage of .578. She also ranked fifth in the conference in on-base percentage. She reached base safely on 46 percent of her at bats.

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Women's golf it's fantastic

BY ZAC UNDERWOOD / SPORTS EDITOR

The women's golf team may have been the lone bright spot during this athletic year. The Lady Bulldogs finished second in the Lone Star conference.

Southwestern finished second behind Northeastern who proved to be the thorn in their side all season.

Southwestern got a chance to flex their muscles once this season, at the Seminole Tournament. The Lady Bulldogs toppled the field winning by 21 strokes.

Throughout the season, the statistics kept on the Lone Star Conference web site proved Northeastern was the only team comparable to the Lady Bulldogs.

Out of the five categories of statistics, Northeastern held the top spot in four. The lone number one ranking Southwestern held was in the category of "team stroke average."

The Lady Bulldogs stroke average per round was 15 better than number two Northeastern, but Southwestern had played 10 less rounds than Northeastern.

Southwestern was ranked second in "low tournament against par." The Lady Bulldogs' best tournament score was 78-over-par, while third place Tarleton, Texas, finished 147-over-par in their best tournament.

Freeman placed second in "individual low 18 holes" with her three-over-par 75 at Shawnee. Clayre Bethel's best round in a tournament was five-over-par, and Christina Gage's best round was six-over-par. Bethel and Gage placed fifth and sixth respectively.

In "individual low tournament," Freeman placed fourth, Gage placed fifth and Bethel placed sixth. The top three spots were held by Northeastern players.

In the category of "individual scoring average," Freeman, Bethel and Gage placed in the top five. Freeman placed second with a stroke average of 83.9. Bethel and Gage tied for fourth, both with a stroke average of 84.7.

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